CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for displaying text in a fixed-sized information box on a viewing screen, the method comprising:

    selecting a desired font size for displaying text messages that are

        displayed in an information box on a viewing screen;

    formatting a text message for display in the information box on the

        viewing screen according to the selected font size;

    determining whether a length of the text message is too long to fit in the

        information box based on the selected font size;

    displaying an amount of the text message that fits in the information box

        based on the selected font size; and

    automatically scrolling through any remainder of the text message.

2. The method of Claim 1, wherein when a last line of the text message is displayed, the text message continues scrolling from a beginning of the text message.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein a selection of available font sizes is preset.

4. A system for displaying text in a fixed-sized information box on a viewing screen, the system comprising:

    a set-top box in electrical communication with a viewing screen;

    an information box that displays text generated from the set-top box on a

        portion of the viewing screen;

    a text message containing program information; and

    a font size selector for selecting a font size for the text message;

    wherein when the set-top box determines that the text message does not

        fit within the information box based upon a selected font size, the set-

10 top box causes the information box to display only an amount of the

11 text message that fits within the information box, and causes the text

12 message to scroll within the information box.

1 5. The system of Claim 4, wherein when a last line of the text message is

2 displayed, the text message continues scrolling from a beginning of the text message.

1 6. The system of Claim 4, wherein a selection of available font sizes is preset.